

Washington, DC-Tuesday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will award Doña Ana Community College a Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) grant in the amount \$600,000. The HSIAC grant will be used, in conjunction with the Mesquite Neighborhood Learning Center, for workforce and life skills training as well as other social services in the Mesquite district.

"During these tough economic times, people need training and education to help them find a job so they can get back to work and support their families," said Congressman Harry Teague. "This funding will help Doña Ana Community College continue to provide important services that help strengthen our workforce and economic development in our communities."

The program has an annual enrollment rate of 500 participants. Some of the education programs that are offered are computer classes, General Equivalency Diploma assistance, and college preparation. The vocational training includes programs such as first-aid, CPR and home provider care, and food services preparation.

Doña Ana Community College was established in 1973 at the request of the Gadsden, Hatch, and Las Cruces school boards to provide vocational and technical education opportunities to the citizens of Doña Ana County. The community college offers instruction leading to associate degrees and technical certificates and preparation for further academic work. Community education and adult education also are offered.